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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
STARS Program

To Whom It May Concern:

UC Davis is submitting two new elements of the Creative Reuse of Waste program as an Innovation Credit under the AASHE STARS program.

The UC Davis central campus encompasses approximately 900 acres. Over 100 acres of the central campus are highly manicured shrubs, ground cover and garden not including another 100+ acres of lawns and athletic turf. Prior to the Campus Grown Greenery effort, campus prunings were gathered, ground and used on the campus as mulch which is a highly sustainable way to handle "green waste." The new creative element of the program is gathering trimmings which can be used in floral arrangement for campus activities and events. The joint effort between Dining Services and Grounds Services has given these materials a third life, provided a locally sourced supply, reduced the energy and other costs associated with providing floral arrangements, and brightened everybody's day.

Aggie ReStore is a new, student-created and run business. With a storefront in the Memorial Union, these students gather reusable materials, most of which would otherwise be landfill-bound, create new products working with classes and volunteers, and sell them in a creatively merchandised store. It is believed that this program is unique in linking reuse with campus academic programs in the Design Department to create new products that are sold to generate income for the program.

These two new elements of the program are in addition to well established elements that use campus olives to produce award-winning olive oil and campus-grown wood to produce bowls and vases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Sidney England".

A. Sidney England
Assistant Vice Chancellor
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